

Abstract of the Disclosure

An image animation method which positions facial features to a predefined facial mask providing an efficient and easy system for animating the selected features, is disclosed. A mask shows proper positioning of the
5 subject. For example, if the face of a subject is to be animated, the eyes and mouth region are displayed in the mask. The position is adjusted until the facial features of the subject fit the associated regions of the mask. The areas of the image overlayed by the mask are selected using the coordinates of the mask areas. The areas of the image overlayed by the mask are transformed
10 and result in an animated image. Only the image along with the location coordinates of the mask need to be stored. This results in a very small file size, making transfer and storage simple.